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Gift Packages to . . .

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

SUMMARY OF U. S. EXPORT REGULATIONS

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General Information

The Bureau of Foreign Commerce of the U.S. Department of Commerce is responsible for the administration of the Export Control Act as enacted by Congress. This act prohibits, with specific exceptions, the export of any commodity from the United States unless a license authorizing such exportation has been established or granted by the Department of Commerce.

To facilitate the export of gift parcels, there has been established what is known as "General License - GIFT." By following the provisions of this general license, you may send gift parcels to any country except Mainland China and North Korea without making formal application to the Bureau of Foreign Commerce as is required for many commercial exports.

General License - GIFT

You may use General License - GIFT only if you are sending a gift to your family or friends or to a religious, charitable, or educational institution in any foreign country except Mainland China and North Korea. The gift parcel must conform to all of the following provisions:

1. Your parcel may contain only items normally sent as gifts, such as food, clothing, toilet articles, costume jewelry, and pen and pencil sets, and medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations in dosage form. No military clothing may be included in a gift parcel going to Soviet Bloc countries or to the Colonies of Hong Kong and Macao; nor may gamma globulin be included in a gift parcel regardless of destination.
2. The combined total domestic retail value of all commodities included in your gift parcel shall not exceed \$50. If your parcel includes any of the medicinal or pharmaceutical preparations listed below, however, the total domestic retail value of these medicinal or pharmaceutical preparations shall not exceed \$25.

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- (a) Any sulfonamide drugs, for example: Sulfanilimide; sulfathiazole and derivatives; sulfadiazine and derivatives; sulfaguanidine.
- (b) Any antibiotics (other than tyrothricin, polymixin, and neomycin), for example: Penicillin, streptomycin, dihydrostreptomycin; compounds or mixtures containing antibiotics or sulfonamides.
- (c) ~~Any alkaloids of cinchona bark, and salts, derivatives and preparations of cinchona bark, for example: Quinine sulfate; quinine hydrochloride; quinidine alkaloid; quinidine salts and compounds.~~
- (d) ~~Antimalarial preparations.~~
- (e) ~~Malaria, chill, and fever remedies.~~

3. The commodities in your gift parcel must be for the personal use of the person to whom you are sending it or of his immediate family, or for use by an organization. COMMODITIES SENT UNDER "GENERAL LICENSE - GIFT" MUST BE FREE OF COST TO THE PERSON OR RECIPIENT TO WHOM THEY ARE SENT. THE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION RECEIVING THE GIFT PARCEL MUST NOT RESELL THEM.

4. No more than one gift parcel may be sent to the same recipient by the same person in any one calendar week.

5. If sent by parcel post, the package must conform to applicable Post Office regulations as to size, weight, and permissible contents. Gift parcels sent by other means, such as air cargo or air freight, are not limited as to size and weight.

6. The gift parcel must be sent direct to the intended recipient by the person in the United States who is the donor, or for such person by a commercial or other gift-forwarding service or organization. Each gift parcel must show on the outside wrapper the name and address of the donor, regardless of whether it is mailed by him or by a forwarding service.

7. The address side of the package must be clearly marked "GIFT - Export License Not Required," and the word "GIFT" must also be shown on any required customs form or shipper's export declaration.

The above information reflects current export regulations and should be considered only as a general guide. Since export regulations must keep pace with national and international developments, the regulations are subject to continual modification and revision. "The Comprehensive Export Schedule," a loose-leaf volume published by the Department of Commerce, contains the official current export regulations. This may be consulted in Department of Commerce Field Offices.

Regulations of Foreign Countries

The sending of commodities as gifts is also subject to the regulations of the receiving country. Complete information on the gift package regulations of foreign countries is published in separate circulars called "Sending Gift Packages to (name of country)." These circulars describing the regulations of foreign countries are available at 10¢ each from any Field Office of the Department of Commerce, or from the Sales and Distribution Division, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.